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1. FOLLOWING NAMES, TITLES AND JUSTIFICATIONS REMAINDER
FY-76 IV NOMINATIONS:

IBA DER THIAM DIRECTOR, ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE AND
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY; THIAM IS CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE FOR
REFORM OF HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY TEACHING IN SENEGAL. ALSO CO-
AUTHOR OF BOOK ON HISTORY OF SENEGAL TO BE PUBLISHED MARCH 76.
AS HEAD INSTITUTION RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING MAJORITY SENEGALESE
TEACHERS, THIAM HOLDS SIGNIFICANT POST. SENEGAL INVOLVED
REWRITING OF TEXTS AND OVERALL EDUCATIONAL REFORM. EXPERIENCE AND
KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM THIS VISIT WILL BE INVALUABLE NOT ONLY
TO THIAM, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN SENEGAL, BUT ALSO THE AMERICANS
HE MEETS WHO WILL GAIN INFORMATION ON EDUCATION IN SENEGAL
ETA: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1976

OBEYE DIOP DIRECTOR OF L'OUEST AFRICAINE. ONE OF SENEGAL'S MOST
RESPECTED JOURNALISTS, MR DIOP IS CLOSE TO COUNTRY'S POLITICAL
PULSE AND WELL-CONNECTED WITH KEY INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS
ELSEWHERE IN WEST AFRICA. COMMANDS CONTINUING GREAT RESPECT
VARIOUS SEGMENTS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT SENEGALESE LEADERS.
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2. ALTERNATES FOR ABOVE CANDIDATES WILL BE THOSE LISTED IN REF (B).

3. FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL NOMINATIONS ARE FOR FALL OUT FUNDS.
IN THE EVENT INSUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE COVER THESE CANDIDATES,
WE REQUEST THAT THEY BE APPROVED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR:

MOCTAR KEBE EDITORIAL WRITER, NEWS ANALYST LE SOLEIL AND
PRESIDENT SENEGALESE PRESS ASSOCIATION. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TRAVEL IV
GRANTS IN 73 AND 74, POST FEELS HIS POSITION IS STILL
IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. (SEE PREVIOUS FILE FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.)
ETA: NOVEMBER 1976

SOGUI KONATE DEPUTY IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, CONFIDARATION SECRETARY
SENEGALESE LABOR UNION AND SECRETARY GENERAL POSTAL AND
TELEPHONE WORKERS. INFLUENTIAL IN UNION AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
KONATE ALSO SITS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. A RISING AND
ALREADY IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE CNTS (SENEGALESE LABOR
UNION) LEADERSHIP, HE CONTROLS ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT
LABOR UNIONS ETA: NOVEMBER 1976

TALLA CISSE DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, SECOND IN
COMMAND IN THE MINISTRY, CISSE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED BY THE MINISTER
WHO HAS DELEGATED SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY TO HIM. IN ABSENCE
OF MINISTER, CISSE IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTERING FINANCE AND SIGNING
LOAN AGREEMENTS. ALTHOUGH YOUNG, MEMBERS OF POST SELECTION
COMMITTEE IN CONTACT WITH CISSE FEEL HE WILL HAVE VOICE IN
FORMATION ECONOMIC POLICY. ETA: OCTOBER 1976

IBRAHIMA DIAGNE DIRECTOR OF COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF PLAN AND
COOPERATION. APPROVAL OF ALL PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS COORDINATED
THROUGH HIS OFFICE. AN EXTREMELY QUALIFIED ADMINISTRATOR.
CONSTANTLY IN SEARCH OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OUTSIDE OF SENEGAL
HE IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. DYNAMIC AND
YOUTHFUL, WITH SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY. ETA: SEPTEMBER 1976.
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